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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
James D. Anderson JR. )  
Serial No.: 10/735,353 )  
Filed: December 11, 2003 )  
Title: Sealed Fluidic Interfaces Utilizing Laser Welding )

Group: 2861  
Examiner: Vo, Anh T N

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 USC 121 to one of the following groups specified in the Office Action:

- I. Claims 1-23 and 27-40
- II. Claims 24-26.
- III. Claims 41-44.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the group labeled in the Office Action as Group I, claims 1-23 and 27-40. Claims 24-26 and 41-44 are cancelled.

It is believed that this represents a complete and timely response to the Office Action and that no additional fees are required. In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally appeal therefore and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account 12-1213

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

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